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- (1) Points from Board decision relevant to continued examination
 - a. Prior art basis of rejection that was reversed
 - b. Significance of unexpected results in reversing original obviousness rejection
- (2) Discuss new rejection
 - a. New combination of Smith and Capon is a weaker obviousness case than prior rejection
 - b. Board has already decided that unexpected results are convincing rebuttal evidence
- (3) Unexpected results are dramatic and were not contested before Board
 - a. Increased kinetic stability, 50-fold increased TNF-binding affinity with 1000-fold increased TNF neutralization potency
 - b. Markedly reduced or absent effector function (ADCC, CDC), failure to form aggregating complexes